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1. MISSION HAS ANALYZED RATE OF EXPENDITURES UNDER USRP CONTRACTS FOR CY-78 WHICH IS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY DRASTIC REDUCTION OF VALUE OF U.S. DOLLAR AS WELL AS INCREASE IN PRICES IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM.

2. MONTHLY COST OF CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT DOCUMENTATION SO FAR RUNS BETWEEN \$950,000 AND ONE MILLION. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT MISSION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE WAS ABOUT \$900,000. SINCE OCTOBER 1977 WHEN VOLAG BUDGETS WERE PREPARED, THE DOLLAR HAS DROPPED IN ALL COUNTRIES OF USRP OPERATION ABOUT 10 PERCENT. ACCORDINGLY, USRP REQUIREMENT FOR CY-1978 IS 11.5 TO 12 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, MISSION PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED AN ALLOCATION OF \$2,379,000 FOR VOLAG ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND LANGUAGE TRAINING. FROM FUNDS FURNISHED TO DATE, ONLY \$1,792,200 WAS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE, LEAVING A SHORTAGE OF \$586,800.

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4. TO SUMMARIZE, MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOR USRP A TOTAL OF \$10,000,000 (RAV-TOV ALLOCATION OF \$100,000 EXCLUDED) BUT REQUIRES \$14,379,000. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL \$4,379,000 NEEDED TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM IN CY 78.

5. FURTHER COMPLICATING MATTERS IS THE RESETTLEMENT

GRANT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT NEGOTIATED WITH THE VOLAGS.
THE VOLAGS HAVE ESTIMATED THAT THEY WILL RESETTLE
21,395 REFUGEES. THIS WILL REQUIRE \$5,348,750 WHILE
DEPARTMENT HAS ALLOCATED ONLY \$3,000,000, LEAVING AN
ADDITIONAL SHORTAGE OF \$2,348,750.VANDEN HEUVEL

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